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Hongkong, February 25, 1902. 394

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MR. J. LAURENCE, OFFICE, has
this day been appointed Secretary
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JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.

Hongkong, February 28, 1902. 429

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the
New Wharf at Canton used by the
S.S. 'BAKAN MARU' has been Landed
by the Owners to the Undersigned for 20
years, with option, from July, 1901, and
the public is hereby Warned that no
Persons, Firms or Companies other than the
Undersigned can at any future time during
the said period of 20 years acquire the
right to exercise and enjoy during such
period any rights, advantages or benefits
in connection with the said Wharf without
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Hongkong, February 27, 1902. 430

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Hongkong, February 3, 1902. 266

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Hongkong, February 22, 1902. 378

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MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

Miscellaneous.
Goods per *Canton* not cleared at 4 p.m.
on this date subject to rent.
Goods per *Tientsin* not cleared at 4 p.m.
on this date subject to rent.

MEMOS. FOR MONDAY.

Meetings.

Noon.—Meeting of Shareholders of Geo. Fenwick and Co., Ltd., at Hongkong Hotel.
4 p.m.—Meeting of The Orient Hotel Co., Ltd., at No. 51 Collyer Street, Manly.Auctions.
2 p.m.—Auction of Household Furniture, at the residence of Mr. K. W. Mounsey, No. 2, Goodstons, Goodstons Road.Amusements.
5.30 p.m.—Organ Recital by Mr. A. G. Ward in St. John's Cathedral.Miscellaneous.
Goods per *Yokohama* undelivered after this date subject to rent.

General Memoranda.

Thursday, March 4.—
Noon.—Meeting of Shareholders of The Pacific Mining Co., Ltd., at the Company's Offices.
Thursday, March 6.—
11.30 a.m.—Meeting of Shareholders of The China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., at the Company's Offices.
12.30 p.m.—Meeting of Shareholders of The Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., at the Company's Offices.A. S. WATSON & CO.,
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DEATHS.

At Dunblair, Jan. 21, LUDOVIC EDWARD
JOHN, son of the late E. J. Lindsay,
Chartered Bank of India; aged 11 weeks.On the 23rd February, at the General
Hospital, Shanghai, PHILIP HENRY
QUAYLE, of I.M. Customs, a native of
Barnsey, Isle of Man; aged 28 years.On the 23rd February, at the General
Hospital, Shanghai, PHILIP HENRY
QUAYLE, of I.M. Customs, a native of
Barnsey, Isle of Man; aged 28 years.At Bangkok, on the 15th Feb., Senhor
LUIZ MARIA XAVIER; aged 63 years.The publication of this issue commenced
at 5.45 p.m.

The China Mail.

HONGKONG, SATURDAY, MARCH 1, 1902.

EDITORIAL COMMENT.

The public of Hongkong,
progress, or that section of it which
interests itself most in the
progress, public life of the Colony,
will be pleased to note the
signs of activity that have marked the
Government during the past few months.How much of this may be due to the
public clamour of last year, it is im-
possible to say; but whatever the cause
it is welcome. Mr. Osbert Chadwick
and Professor Simpson, the two experts
sent out by the Colonial Office in re-
sponse to the joint application (let us
say) of His Excellency Sir Henry Blake
and the signatories of the public petition,
have arrived in the Colony; and mea-
sures are now being taken, we may
assume, to ascertain the causes of the
repeated epidemics of plague in the
Colony and the remedies that should be
adopted to minimise the ravages of the
disease, and we hope, to eradicate it
from Hongkong, so far as that is within
the power of human agency. It is too
soon to congratulate the Colony upon
having this expert assistance. It will
be time enough to do so when these
gentlemen submit their proposals to
public criticism. But it is satisfactory
to know they are here, that they are to
consider proposals for the improvement
of the sanitary condition of the Colony;
and that the weight of their recom-
mendations may induce the Government
to introduce remedial measures.During the plague epidemic of last
year, and before and since, it has been
pointed out in the local newspapers that
the medical and sanitary staffs were
unintentionally, not in epidemic times
only but during normal times. It will
also be remembered that the shipping
times raised an agitation some time ago
for an additional medical officer for the
port. The Government appointed a
Committee of medical and business men
to enquire into the matter; but before
the Committee's report was drawn up
the Government had decided to increase
the medical staff practically upon the
lines suggested by the Committee. One
addition is made to the Medical Depart-
ment ashore. The Committee recom-
mends an additional Medical Officer for
the Port, the services of both to be devoted
entirely to the Government, but as
there is not sufficient work to keep
these gentlemen fully employed, in
normal times, they will aid the Medi-
cal staff under Dr. Atkinson. This is
the most important change recommend-
ed by the Committee, and the shipping
interests will be satisfied with the out-
come of their agitation. But the Com-
mittee also recommends what is in effect
the creation of a new Department when
it reports that 'the Sanitary Department
should be under the administration
of the Medical Officer of Health,
subject to the control of the
Sanitary Board.' This is by no means
a new proposition. It should be backed up,
and the Sanitary Board either abolished
or reconstructed to meet the new con-
ditions.Another sign of progress is the acquies-
cence of the Government in the claims of
the European residents for educational
facilities for their children. While due
credit must be given to Bishop Hovell for
putting himself at the head of the agitation,
no inconsiderable share must be accorded
to His Excellency the Governor and the
Inspector of Schools for the hearty and
sympathetic manner in which they have
supported the public petition. We know
that Sir Henry Blake was in harmony with
the movement, and since he assumed office
Mr. Irving has devoted himself to his duties
with an ardour and success, which, we must
confess, we did not expect. The result is
self-evident, and we have no hesitation in
saying that if no check is imposed by the
Colonial Office in London the long-looked-
for reforms in the Education Department
will be effected at an early date, to the
benefit alike of the European and Asiatic
children, and the educational work of the
Department and the Government. The
activity which the Government has shown
on this and other questions of local interest
of late is welcome, and we hope it is in-
dicative of a further ennobling of the
Government departments to bring them up
to date.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Notes by the Way.

Messrs Samuel Samuel and Co. are
'fossicking' for coal in North Formosa.The death is announced at Bangkok of
Dr. Peter Gowan, for eighteen years physi-
cian to the King of Siam.Dr. F. W. Clark and the Hon. F. B.
May, C.M.G., have been elected Fellows of
the Royal Colonial Institute.Amongst the calls to the Bar at the
Middle Temple, on 27th Jan., was Mr. C. E.
W. Stinger, British Vice-Consul at Bang-
kok.On the 13th ult., the Boer prisoners
in Ceylon challenged the Colombo Hockey
and Football Club to a match at Association
football.Mr. H. A. Ritchie has taken charge of
the new West-end offices in Northumber-
land-avenue of the P. and O. Steam Navig-
ation Company.His Majesty the King, received in
audience on 30th January Rear-Admiral
Sir James Bruce, on his return from recon-
d in command of the China Squadron.The Times of Ceylon of the 10th ult.
publishes a long obituary notice of the late
Mr. John Ingram, sub-accountant of the
Chartered Bank at Colombo. Dysentery
was the cause of death.The King of Siam has presented ad-
miral de Richelieu with the Grand Cross of
the Order of the White Elephant, in dia-
monds. This is the first time it has ever
been given in diamonds.John Roberts, the billiard champion,
played a game of 1,000 against Mr. Bignell,
an amateur, on the 11th ult., in the Bengal
Club, conceding 650. The champion won
by 91. The Viceroy was present.It is now reported that the *Terrible* will
be relieved by the *Amphitrite*. After the
Coronation review, Captain Percy Scott will
relieve Captain Russell in the command of
H.M.S. *Humbly*, one of the battleships of
the Channel Squadron.

St. David's Day.

As this is St. David's Day all legal
business will be at a standstill in Wales
today.

The Pope.

Tomorrow is the Pope's birthday.
He was born on the 2nd of March, 1810,
and is, therefore, ninety-one years of age.

Hongkong Christian Union.

The usual weekly prayer meeting will
be held on Monday, at 5.15 p.m., in the
Room of the Union, 12, Beacomfield Arcade.
Dr. J. C. Thomson will preside.

Theatre Royal.

Messrs Ogilby and Sutton's Company of
entertainers were again largely patronised
last night. The original programme went
with rare swing, and was heartily enjoyed
by all present. Tonight, an entire change
will be presented.

Deporting Barmains.

In connection with the recent orders of
the Bengal Government, prohibiting the
employment of barmains in Calcutta, the
authorities have decided that girls brought
to India are likely to be stranded, and a
certain number are to be sent back at the
expense of the firms who imported them,
the remainder to be sent back at the public
expense.

Sanitary Board.—Special Meeting.

A Special Meeting of the Sanitary
Board is summoned for noon on Monday,
the 3rd inst., for the purpose of consider-
ing recommendation by the Medical Officer
of Health relative to closing the premises
known as Nos. 13, 15, 17 and 23 Mosque
Junction as unfit for human habitation
under the Bye-laws for the prevention or
mitigation of Epidemic, Endemic or Con-
tagious Diseases.

The Late Mrs. Brazier.

We much regret to notice (says the *L.
and C. Express*) the death at Aberdeen of
Mrs. Brazier, wife of Mr. James Russell
Brazier, Commissioner of Customs, China.
Mrs. Brazier was confined on 4th inst., but
succumbed on 12th. Medical opinion is
that the typhoid fever from which Mrs.
Brazier suffered immediately after the relief
of Peking contributed to the sad event.
Some of the typhoid or malarial poison
was probably retained in the system and
came out after the confinement. 'If the
deaths amongst the civilian population dur-
ing the trying weeks of the siege of Peking
were few, the toll has, unfortunately, grown
longer of those who have succumbed to the
after effects.' It was the same in the Alum
poisoning case in Hongkong in 1857. Mr.
Brazier was secretary to Sir Robert Hart,
Inspector-General of the Imperial Maritime
Customs, and with his wife and his wife's
sister, Miss Myers, shared the trials and
perils of the siege of Peking. Her death
was peculiarly sad, inasmuch as it occurred
on the anniversary of her wedding. Mrs.
Brazier was a daughter of Dr. Wykeham
Myers, so long a resident of Formosa, and
now of Pagoda, Amoy, Foochow. Mr.
Brazier with his wife and family came to
this country on leave of absence some time
ago.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Volunteer Inspection.

The annual inspection of the Hong-
kong Volunteer Corps by His Excel-
lency Major-General Sir W. Gascoigne,
K.C.M.G., General Officer Commanding,
will take place at Causeway Bay on the
22nd inst.

Mr. A. P. MacEwen.

Mr. A. P. MacEwen has been elected
Vice-President of the Hastings and St.
Leonards Conservative Association, at a
large and influential meeting of the party
held in Hastings. Mr. MacEwen on his re-
turn to England took The Grosvenor Holling-
ton in Sussex.

The Shell Line.

An extraordinary general meeting of
the Shell Transport and Trading Company
(Limited) was held at Winchester House
on the 24th January, when the resolutions
altering certain of the Articles of Associa-
tion and increasing the capital to
£3,000,000 by the creation of 100,000 new
5 per cent. preference shares of £10 each,
were duly passed.

The Mercantile Marine Dispute.

We learn that the officers of the local
mercantile marine have won the day, the
owners conceding all their demands. Third
officers are now to receive £11 per month.
The rates now are as follow—Chief Officers
£18, Second Officers £13, Third Officers
£11, the change taking effect from to-day.
The increase in the case of first mates is
£4, and in the case of second and third
£2 per month—very welcome additions in
these times of costly living.

The New Commodore.

The *World* says:—Captain Powell,
commander in charge at Hongkong, has
completed his term of command, and re-
turns to England. He is to be succeeded
by Captain Robinson, who, since September
1899, has been in command of the *Peron*
torpedo school ship at Portsmouth. Captain
Robinson is only fifty-one, and the four
years he still has before him under retire-
ment rules will see him well on to the Flag
List. We notice that Captain Robinson
has appointed as his Secretary Paymaster
E. A. Bremner. Mr. Bremner is a son of
the late Fleet Paymaster Bremner, who
died here a year or two ago, and has already
served on this Station.

The Coronation.

The King has been graciously pleased
to intimate his definite decision, not only
as to the route of the Coronation pro-
cession, but also as to the date of the pro-
cession—two points of great public interest
on which there has been a good deal of
misunderstanding and confusion. It is
now officially announced that the route of
the procession on the day following the
Coronation will be the same as that followed
by the Jubilee procession in 1897. The
procession will, therefore, take place on
Friday, June 27. In addition to the
40,000 or 50,000 troops to be drafted into
London for the Coronation, there will be a
Naval Brigade of 1,750 officers, 170 Naval
cadets, and 1,600 petty officers and men.
The proposal to legally prohibit June 27,
the day after the Coronation, a public
holiday as well as June 26, so that all
classes may participate in the King's great
procession through London, is meeting
with extraordinary favour. The keen
desire of Americans to be present at the
Coronation is evidenced by the reports of
enormous advance bookings for all Trans-
atlantic steamships.

Rosebery and Chamberlain.

The future of Lord Rosebery and Mr.
Chamberlain is once more the leading topic
of the new number of the *Fortnightly Review*.
A little shaken by the failure of his previous
efforts to bring the two statesmen together,
the *Fortnightly* now merely insists that whe-
ther or not Lord Rosebery become Foreign
Minister, Mr. Chamberlain must be the
next Premier. Moreover, the 'diginity,
force, and skill' of his reply to Count von
Bülow, which 'any professional diplomatist
might have envied,' have apparently streng-
thened Mr. Chamberlain's claims to direct
our foreign policy. The Reviewer con-
cludes: 'In spite of the dislike with which
the present writer views, that Chesterfield
is only Birmingham with a superior gloss,
was met a month ago, the consensus of
testimony upon that head becomes more and
more remarkable. Mr. John Morley, who is
an honest thinker, cannot for his life see
the difference between the New Liberalism
and the New Toryism. Mr. Balfour is in
the same difficulty when he ponders Lord
Rosebery's warning against overladen pro-
grammes. Abroad no one can grasp the
difference between the Colonial Secretary's
principles and those of the ex-Premier.
The *Forwards*, the Socialist organ in Berlin,
had the good fortune to copy the wittier
thing yet said of the Chesterfield policy—
'Lord Rosebery is Mr. Chamberlain's
edition de luxe.'

HAD A GOOD TIME.

A. J. SNELL wanted to attend a party,
but was afraid to do so on account of
pains in his stomach, which he feared would
grow worse. He says, 'I was selling my trou-
bles to a lady friend, who said, "Chamber-
lain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy"
will put you in condition for the party.' He
bought a bottle and took pleasure in stating
that two doses cured him and enabled him to
have a good time at the party. Mr. Snell
is a resident of Summer Hill, N.Y., U.S.A.
This remedy is for sale by All Dealers.
WARRING Ld., General Agents.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Organ Recital.

Mr. A. G. Ward gives a recital in St.
John's Cathedral on Monday afternoon,
commencing at 5.30. Mrs. Modie will sing
two solos.

Innovation at Peking.

The Peking correspondent of the
N.-C. Daily News writes:—The British
Minister has made the innovation, which
some time since we mentioned as feasible,
of calling on Chinese officials at their pri-
vate residences. Yung Lu was one of the
number with whom he has begun this in-
tercourse.

The Plague.

A Calcutta telegram dated 12th Feb-
ruary says:—India had 15,000 plague
deaths last week, the Punjab reporting
5,529, Bombay Presidency 4,676, the North
Western Provinces 1,326, Bengal 953,
Kashmir 479, the Madras Presidency 502,
Mysore 376, Bombay City 549, and Calcutta
124.

The O'Gorman.

The *World* says:—Colonel O'Gorman,
who recently arrived home from Hongkong,
where he had held Staff employment for
some years, had not to spend any lengthened
period in idleness, as he was offered the
command of the Provisional Battalion at
Lidfield, where he is now doing duty. He
is fast running his course as a soldier, for
he will reach the age for retirement at the
end of the year.

Dinner and Presentation to Mr. J. Ross.

It was a very hearty send-off that was
given to Mr. J. Ross, of the Public Works
Department, last night, on the occasion of
his departure for home to leave after many
years of very active service in connection
with the water supply of the Colony. A
Company of over forty sat down to a splen-
did dinner in the private dining room of the
Hongkong Hotel, under the chairmanship
of Mr. Claude Loykum, Mr. J. H. Barrington
being ex-officio. The toast of 'Our
Guest' was given from the Chair. Mr.
Loykum, in the course of an excellent little
speech, referred to the respect and esteem
in which their departing guest (Mr. Ross)
was held by all present and by many who
were unable to be present. During his
time in Hongkong, Mr. Ross had, by his
never-failing geniality of nature and his
capacity for work in the interest of the
Government, made many friends who, sorry
at his departure, were consoled by the fact
that there was every prospect of seeing him
back in Hongkong with renewed health and
vigour. There was not one of Mr. Ross's
acquaintances, and certainly not one of
those present, who did not wish him a
pleasant voyage and a good time on his
'native heath.' The toast was received
with enthusiastic cheering, after which
the chairman presented Mr. Ross with a
splendid gold chain and charm. The
charm bore the following inscription:—
Presented to Mr. J. Ross, from Hong-
kong friends, 28th February, 1902. Mr.
Ross returned thanks in characteristic
style, giving away the secret of his success
in making friends by adding 'if you can't
do a man a good turn, don't do him a bad
one.' Numerous other toasts followed, after
which the room was cleared and a capital
smoking concert took place, there being
abundance of instrumental and vocal talent
in the company. A happy evening was
spent. It may be added that Mr. Ross was
made the recipient of a handsome gold
watch by the Chinese staff of the Public
Works Department.

The Ladies' Audience.

The reception (in Peking) is over.
Just a week has passed (writes the Tientsin
correspondent of the *N.-C. Daily News*).
The feeling, so far as I can see it, is no less
strong now than before the event, that in
accepting the invitation of the Dowager the
ladies made an enormous mistake. They
forgot the dignity and the honour of their
nations as well as of themselves; forgot the
sufferings of their murdered sisters at the
hands of their host; forgot the offer of the
condoning of such wickedness on the future;
forgot the things which indicate that the
same spirit of destruction still exists, and is
secretly preparing for other deeds—deeds
similar to the past. One can but hang the
head in shame at the thought of such utter
misrepresentation of the heart of the mass
of their sisters, both here and in the home
lands, who mourn the loss of noble lives
sacrificed, but now condoned by their pusil-
lanimity. And the address! what can be
said of it? It is weak—it is pointless—it
is sickening in its attempt at pathetic
sentimentality! Various remarks of the
Dowager made from time to time relative to
this affair are apt, and it is not wholly
without reason to believe that there is quite
as much truth as fiction in these remarks,
especially as they are believed and thought
to have some significance among the Chi-
nese. It is quite within reason that she
did not expect her invitation to be accepted
—few others did. It is quite natural
that she should believe, after such an
episode, that foreigners are fools to be
hoodwinked by a few presents, a few sweet
words belated with tears, and a good
sipping of edicts which mean nothing—or
'opposite of their face'—to those behind
the scenes, is the Reform Party to be en-
couraged and upheld in its attempts to en-
lighten and improve the nation by the
Foreign Powers, or not? This is the im-
portant question in relation to the future.
The fate of China is in the hands of these
Powers, and this Party, and if the latter is
deserted, the former will have a day of
reckoning. Even though it may result in
China's 'break up,' at the hand of these
Foreign Powers, that will not be the end, and
they will do wisely to consider the possi-
bilities as well as the certainties involved
in proving traitors to the Party of reform
and progress.

TELEGRAMS.

['CHINA MAIL' SPECIAL SERVICE]

REBELLION IN KWANGSI.

CHINESE DEMAND WITH-
DRAWAL OF MISSIONARIES.(From Our Own Correspondent.)
SHANGHAI, March 1, 3.35 p.m.The Chinese authorities have notified the
Powers that the districts to the north and
north-west of Nanning-fu, on the borders
of Tonkin, are in a state of rebellion, and
demand the withdrawal of the missionaries
in those districts.

Recall of Missionaries.

(From a Correspondent.)

Late on Wednesday evening, a telegram
was received in Canton by the American
Consul asking him to give orders to recall
the missionaries living at Nanning-fu in
consequence of the dangers there arising
from the rebellion which began at Wat
Lam late last year (Chinese). The mission-
aries living at Nanning-fu are Mr. and Mrs.
Landon, of the International Alliance
Mission.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

CANTON, February 28.
Kwangsi is so far removed from the seat
of government that it seems to be a lawless
a chaotic state of rebellion. For a long
time, robbers have been in the ascendancy
in that province. On the second day of
the Chinese New Year, at Wat Lam Fu, the
robbed leader, or as he might be more
appropriately called, the robber chief,
raised his flag. The flag bears the motto rob
the rich and succour the poor. Theoretically
it is a kind of socialist movement; prac-
tically it is organized robbery. There is no
likelihood of the first part of the motto be-
ing forgotten, but the poor have suffered
equally with the rich. As the robber army
has swept along, they have completely
despoiled the people, money, grain and live
stock, every thing has been carried away.
A force of about eighteen hundred men left
Canton three days ago, on a mission order in
Kwangsi. As it will take two or three weeks
for these men to get to the scene of the
outbreak, that will leave plenty of time for
the robbers to do just as they please in the
social scale according to their ideal. When
they have done this to their hearts content,
they can return to the scene of their raid
and defiance to the government troops. This
has often been done before, and there is no
reason why it should not be repeated in
this instance.

[DER OSTERREICHISCHE LLOYD SERVICE.]

THE NEW TOBACCO TRUST.

BERLIN, February 17.

The Imperial Tobacco Company has been
formed in London with a capital of fifteen
million pounds sterling. This is an amal-
gamation of existing English firms to oppose
the American Tobacco monopoly.

[N.-C. DAILY NEWS' SERVICE.]

THE ANGLO-JAPANESE AGREEMENT.

Tokyo, February 24.

In connection with the Anglo-Japanese
Alliance all the principal towns in Japan
are organising public rejoicings, the promi-
nent feature of which is that the leadership
is taken by business men, who evidently
regard the alliance as a guarantee of peace
and of the consequent development of trade
and industry.

THE RETURN OF ITO.

Great preparations are being made every-
where to welcome Marquis Ito on his re-
turn, but it is not anticipated that there
will be any Ministerial changes.

LOYAL CHINESE ABROAD.

PEKING, February 20.

Over thirty telegrams from Chinese
merchants abroad, designating themselves
'Members of the Protector of the Em-
pire Society,' have been received by the
Foreign Ministry, addressed to the Emperor,
congratulating his Majesty on his safe
return to Peking and begging his Majesty
to resume the reins of Government

